

Natural Parks, zoos and gardens in Tuscany – 2015

Acquario dell'Elba

Elba's Aquarium

in Marina di Campo (Elba Island, Livorno), Via Segagnana; open through May 31 and Sept. 16-Oct. 20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; June 1-Sept. 16, 9 a.m.-11:30 p.m.; admission: €7, and €3 for children aged 3-10; free for children younger than 3.

<http://www.acquarioelba.com/>

Acquario di Livorno

Livorno's Aquarium

in Livorno, Piazzale Mascagni 1; open until June 12, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; on weekends, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; June 13-30, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; July 1-Aug. 31, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sept. 1-13, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Sept. 14-27, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sept. 28 –Dec. 31, open on weekends, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; admission: €13; reduced €8 for 26 for children younger than 13 and taller than 39.37 inches; free entrance for children shorter than 39.37 inches; €11 for senior citizens above 65.

<http://www.acquariodilivorno.it/>

L'Acquario mediterraneo dell'Argentario

Argentario's Mediterranean Aquarium

in Porto S. Stefano (Grosseto), Lungomare dei Navigatori 44; open Tuesday-Friday, 3-7 p.m.; weekends 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.; closed on Monday; tickets €5, reduced €2 (senior citizens over 65; children aged 5-12).

<http://www.acquarioargentario.org/>

Antro del Corchia

Corchia Underground

in Levigliani di Stazzema (Lucca), Via IV Novembre 70; during July and August the caves are open daily with the first two-hour guided tour scheduled for 10 a.m. and last one for 5 p.m.; during the rest of the year, the caves can be visited with a limited schedule; visit the website for the complete schedule; admission: €15; reduced €13 for children aged 5-14; free for children younger than 5.

http://www.antrocorchia.it/main_corchia.htm

Collodi Butterfly House

in Collodi (Pistoia), Piazza della Vittoria 3; open through Nov.1, 8:30-sunset; closed Nov. 2-Feb. 28; it is a large greenhouse with an exotic garden populated with thousands of colorful tropical butterflies; admission: €13; reduced €10; the fee includes the entrance to the Garzoni Historic Garden.

<http://www.pinocchio.it/pagine-web-c52/orari-e-biglietti-877.html>

Giardino di Boboli

Boboli Garden

in Florence, Piazza Pitti 1; open Dec.-Feb. Monday-Sunday, 8:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; March -May, Sept., and Oct. 8:15 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; June-Aug., 8:15 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; last entry one hour before closing; admission: € 7; reduced: €3.50 (aged 18-25) for people younger than 18; for more info in English, please visit

<http://www.aviewoncities.com/florence/giardinodiboboli.htm>.

Giardino Zoologico

Zoo

in Pistoia, Via Pieve A Celle 160/A, open daily 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., last entry one hour before closing; admission: €15; reduced: €11 for children aged 3-10; €14 for senior citizens older than 65.

<https://www.zoodipistoia.it/en/info/>

Parco di San Rossore

St. Rossore Park

in Pisa, località Cascine Vecchie; open through Oct. 30, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; and Nov.-March, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; it is part of the Natural Park of Migliarino and Massaciuccoli, established in 1979 and situated along the coast from Viareggio to Livorno. You can visit the park on a little train or carriage, on foot or by bike with guides, or by boat along the river Arno; horse riding available; free entrance.

<http://www.turismo.intoscana.it/allthingstuscany/aroundtuscany/san-rossore-park-in-pisa/>

Parco Gallorose

Gallorose Park

in Cecina (Livorno), Via Aurelia Sud, Località Cedrino; open through Oct. 15, from 9:30 a.m. to sunset; Oct. 16-March 14, on Sundays and Italian holidays, 10 a.m. to sunset; Dec. 26-Jan. 6, 10 a.m. to sunset; admission: €8.50; reduced: €7.50 for children taller than 35" and younger than 7; free for children shorter than 35";

more than 14,000 plants and flowers; domestic and exotic animal plus a huge variety of birds more info in English at <http://www.parcogallorose.it/storia.html>

Parco Mediceo di Pratolino

Pratolino Medicean Park

In Pratolino (Vaglia, Florence), Villa Demidoff, Via Fiorentina 276; open through Oct. 31; weekends and Italian holidays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; in April, May, and Oct. closes at 7 p.m.; Fridays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; free entrance; the park is a natural reserve, both for local flora and fauna with several centuries-old trees, deer, foxes, and hares; more info in English at <http://www.discovertuscany.com/mugello/pratolino-park.html>

Parco Zoo della Fauna Europea

European Wildlife Zoo

In Poppi (Arezzo), Via del Parco Zoo, 16; open through Nov. 30, 9 a.m.-sunset Dec.-March 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2-5 p.m.; admission: €8; reduced €6.50 (children aged 2-10).
<http://www.parczoopoppi.it/>

Storico Giardino Garzoni

Garzoni Historic Garden

in Collodi (Pistoia), Piazza della Vittoria 1; open through Nov. 2, 8:30 a.m.-sunset; Nov. 3-Feb. 28, Saturdays, Sundays and Italian holidays, 10 a.m.-sunset; admission: €13; reduced €10; the fee includes the entrance to the Collodi Butterfly House; it is one of the most beautiful gardens in Italy; walkways, flower beds, fountains with traditional water games, and statues; for more info in English at <http://www.pinocchio.it/?idcnt=856&lang=en>

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